

The Senate Committee on Public Safety offered the following substitute to HB 721:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-5-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 examination of applicants, so as to revise the criteria by which the Department of Driver
3 Services shall authorize certain licensed driver training schools to administer the on-the-road
4 driving skills testing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

7 Code Section 40-5-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to examination of
8 applicants, is amended by revising subsection (d) as follows:

9 "(d)(1) The department shall authorize licensed driver training schools to conduct
10 knowledge tests, on-the-road driving skills tests, and other tests required for issuance of
11 a driver's license as provided in this subsection. The department shall, prior to approving
12 a licensed driver training school to conduct tests as provided in this subsection, make a
13 determination that the school has been licensed for a minimum of ~~two~~ five years and has
14 conducted driver education courses on a full-time basis for such ~~two-year~~ five-year period
15 and that such school meets all other standards which the department may establish as a
16 condition for approval to conduct such tests; provided, however, that any licensed driver
17 training school approved by the department to conduct knowledge tests, on-the-road
18 driving skills tests, and other tests required for issuance of a driver's license as provided
19 in this subsection prior to July 1, 2018, shall be authorized to continue to provide such
20 tests and shall be exempt from such minimum five-year period. The department shall
21 authorize a driver training school licensed pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 43 and
22 approved by the department to administer the on-the-road driving skills testing provided
23 for in this Code section, provided that the applicant has successfully completed:

24 (A) A a driver training course which includes a minimum of 30 class hours of
25 instruction and six hours of private in-car training;
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27 (B) An online driver education course licensed by the department and consisting of a
28 minimum of 30 hours of instruction in addition to six hours of private in-car instruction
29 provided by a driver training school licensed to provide such in-car training;

30 (C) An online driver education course licensed by the department and consisting of a
31 minimum of 30 hours of instruction and the 40 hour parent taught in-car curriculum
32 provided for and approved by the department; and

33 (D) A classroom driver education course licensed by the department and consisting of
34 a minimum of 30 hours of instruction in addition to six hours of in-car instruction
35 provided by the licensed driver training school administering the on-the-road driving
36 skills test.

37 (2) The department may establish by rules and regulations the type of tests or
38 demonstrations to be made by applicants for any Class P instruction permit, Class C
39 driver's license, or Class D driver's license under this Code section.

40 ~~(2)~~(3) The department may authorize public and private high schools to conduct
41 knowledge tests required for issuance of a Class P instruction permit or Class D driver's
42 license or both."

43 **SECTION 2.**

44 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.